

# Introduction

Paul's encouragement to Timothy.



#### Questions

- 1. What was Paul reminded of when he thought about Timothy?
- 2. What did Jesus Christ achieve when he appeared?
- 3. What did Paul tell Timothy to hold?



# Summary Points

- v 1 and 2 A loving greeting
- v 3 to 5 Timothy, like Paul, has benefited from being brought up to believe (see theme) in God
- v 6 to 12 Timothy is encouraged not to be afraid but to follow Paul's example and be prepared to suffer if neccessary. God's plan to save us has been revealed to us through Christ Jesus. Timothy is encouraged to keep to the faith which Paul preached to him
- v 15 to 18 Some believers have turned against Paul but he has been encouraged by the disciple who made a big effort to find Paul in prison and comfort him

Timeline 60 AD (see below)

## Theme

#### Belief and faith

A selection of verses showing that God wants us to believe that he will do what he has promised.

The letter to the Hebrews makes it clear that God regards faith in him as vital:

Hebrews 11 verse 6

This faith comes from reading and thinking about God's message to us:

Romans 10 verse 17

Abraham is a good example of faith in action. He believes God can do what he says when he promises that Abraham's ageing wife will have a baby:

Romans 4 verses 19 to 22

We are justified (made right with God) by believing in Jesus Christ:

Galatians 2 verse 16

The apostle Paul tells us belief in the Scriptures leads us to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus:

2 Timothy 3 verse 15



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## Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions: Q 1: v 5, Q 2: v 10, Q 3: v 13

### **Bible timeline**

